

**2006 Accomplishments for Peñasquitos and Torrey Highlands**  
**By Council President Scott Peters, First District**  
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2006 was a year of great progress for our City and for Rancho Peñasquitos and Torrey Highlands, two neighborhoods I am proud to represent. Here are some of the many great things we accomplished last year in your community:

**Protecting Our Neighborhoods:** Ensuring that our communities are safe and secure is one of my highest priorities. In 2006, I hosted a neighborhood safety forum with San Diego Police Captain Jim Collins, where we listened to your questions and concerns and shared strategies for keeping your family safe from harm.

I am proud of the dozens of community members who answered my call last year to serve as Community Emergency Response Team (“CERT”) members. In 2005, we had only five CERT residents in Council District One. Today, there are more than 70 citizens trained and prepared to assist their neighbors in an emergency.

Another issue generating a lot of attention in 2006 was the migrant camp in McGonigle Canyon. Working with San Diego Police, various City departments and seven area landowners, we removed the existing camp and secured the area to prevent the establishment of camps in the future. The police department will continue to monitor the area and work with landowners to enforce no trespassing laws.

**Bring New Parks to Your Community:** I’m proud of the work done during my time on the City Council to create and enhance neighborhood parks in Peñasquitos and Torrey Highlands, and 2006 was no exception.

Over the past several years, we worked to secure land for a second park in Torrey Highlands. In October, we broke ground on Torrey del Mar Neighborhood Park, at the corner of Torrey del Mar Drive and Kerry Lane. The 5-acre site will feature sport venues, children’s play areas, benches, lawns and landscaping. Thanks to the hard work of all involved in this project, Torrey del Mar Park will open this fall, a full four years ahead of schedule.

We also installed turf at Linear Park in Rancho Peñasquitos, near the Northeast Police Station on Salmon River Road, and started consideration of turning a half-acre of the lawn area into an off-leash dog run. Dog parks are beneficial for owners who don’t have a backyard or work long hours and need a place to let their dog burn off some energy. The City’s 12 existing off-leash areas are wildly popular with dogs and their owners in those communities. This year, the PQ Park & Rec Council and the City Park Planning Staff will work with the community on the proposal to fence and irrigate the off-leash area and add benches, landscaping and a picnic area. The project would come before the full City Council as early as this year for final approval. I am happy to back a site that has strong community support.

**Improving Traffic Flow while Curbing Speed:** Each week, residents call my office with questions and concerns about traffic lights, stop signs and speeding in their neighborhood, especially around schools. In 2006, I worked with CalTrans and City staff to adjust the traffic signal timing at eight intersections around PQ and Torrey Highlands to reduce delays and improve traffic flow. We also worked with City staff to stripe and mark turn lanes at two other intersections, to reduce blockage of the through lanes. New stop signs were installed at Gerana and Cuca Streets, and Buckwheat and Truman Streets, at the request of neighbors in those areas, as well as two speed limit signs on Salix Place and Via Rimini.

We made many improvements around schools in Peñasquitos to reduce speed and limit negative impacts on nearby homes at peak hours. On Oviedo Street, we installed turn lanes into Black Mountain Middle School and Sunset Hills Elementary Schools to give parents easier access to the parking lot. three-minute passenger loading zones are now in effect during schools days on the section of Camino del Sur in front of Park Village Elementary School, at the request of local residents. And we installed a digital speed monitoring sign on Twin Trails Drive near Sundance Elementary, at the request of parents.

My office is here to serve you. Please do not hesitate to call if I can help make your community an even better place in which to live.